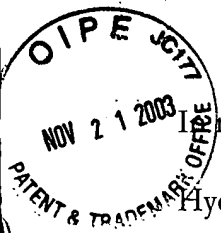


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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement stated in the outstanding Official Action dated October 22, 2003, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group I (Species 1 of Figure 5) for further examination on the merits.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement as being outside the boundaries established in MPEP 806.04(e) and 806.04(f). First, the Restriction Requirement appears to be based solely on a finding that the different inventions are patentably distinct, without any evaluation whatsoever made with respect to whether or not the inventions are "specifically different embodiments" as required in MPEP 806.04(e). Furthermore, the outstanding Restriction Requirement fails to provide any basis for finding that the restricted